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## WITHIN THE WEEK

If we should awaken some morning to learn that Japan had occupied Hawaii, the news would be, for us, a strategic shock comparable to that which Japan has suffered in the loss of Saipan. For this key arch of the Marianas is, to Japan, just that important. Our occupation dooms Japanese garrisons on islands to the south and southwest. Our planes, ships, subs can now dominate surrounding waters.

Much is being made of the point that, from Saipan, we can now menace the Japanese mainland. This is true enough, but a more immediately significant point is that we are now within reach of Japan's entrenched positions in China, and can, in fact, make our influence felt all along the China coast. Let us never forget, however, that Saipan, tho a great victory, was a costly one to American troops.

**FORMOSA.** We anticipate that it will soon play a dominant role in the Pacific.

**GERMAN STRATEGY:** We incline to credit rumors from Madrid, and from Stockholm, that Nazis plan substantial withdrawal of reserves from Norway, and from some of the Balkan countries, in preparation for decisive battles in France, Italy and on the Russian front. This, if it transpires, will mark another step to-

ward final phase of the war: intensive defense of the Reich itself.

It should be borne in mind that Russian severance of Koenigsberg-Riga-Tallinn railway will, in all probability, dictate withdrawal of forces from Finland as well as from Norway.

Germany's most important supply line—her only access to Swedish ore—is now gravely periled for the 1st time in this war. Russian occupation of Estonia would cut off a shore of Gulf of Kronstadt, providing direct entrance to Baltic sea, now dominated by German fleet. Meanwhile, however, Russians can use Stalin canal, connecting Leningrad with White sea and the Atlantic. It seems certain that they will send subs and light cruisers via this route (if they have not already been dispatched) in circuitous pilgrimage to the Baltic to disrupt German shipping.

Headlines report sensational developments, but eventual success or failure may hinge on succession of "little things." Future historians may well record that Germany's defeat was hastened by a lack of lubricants. This problem is more pressing than fuel. German scientists, working frantically, have found no substitute for natural lubricants. All lubricant supplies from outside are now cut off. If some solution is not found—quickly, wholesale "freezing" of German motors is threatened.



## SHIFTING SANDS

Disposition of gov't-owned war plants engages businessmen, legislators. Chairman Murray, Senate Small Business committee, has plan permitting several firms to use a big plant jointly. Southern congressmen sponsor move to make gov't-owned plants in south available to local capital. Top planners say many big plants will be used for storage of gov't-owned war machinery, surplus stocks, etc. Objective: clear private plants for quick reconversion; hold surpluses (and plants) for orderly sale. . . Anticipate action this fall by ICC to equalize freight rates between South and East. South may not get all they ask, but some adjustment seems certain. . . U S Chamber of Commerce issues "work kit" for local chambers on "know-your-congressman" educational campaign. Shows vote on big issues; outlines issues coming up; includes brochure, *Get Out the Vote*. Answering inquiries: Many hurdles before Townsend bill becomes law.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

*Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

"Under today's standard of individual conduct there is apparently only one evil—that is getting caught."—LEO T. CROWLEY, FEA administrator.

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"Well done! Well done, indeed!"—Gen'l Sir BERNARD L. MONTGOMERY, commander of Ground Forces in France, in a message to all Allied soldiers in Normandy.

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"The Republican party is more united than it has been in many yrs. Party workers in gen'l are pretty proud of their ticket."—HARRISON E. SPANGLER, former Republican Nat'l Chairman.

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"They tell me my sermons have improved since I went to work in a war plant."—Rev J. J. Stowe, pastor Arlington Methodist church, Nashville, Tenn. (Rev Stowe works regular shift as sheet-metal inspector at Vultee Aircraft Co.)

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"To Hell with Decatur cops!"—Inscription painted on city water tank by youth of Decatur, Ga. (Culprits were captured and punished a few hrs after their misdeed. Parents of two 14 and 16-yr-old boys who did actual painting will pay for repainting tank.)

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"The youth of our nation is flabby and soft. It's a national disgrace. Instead of a country of rugged, virile men, we have a lot of 5 D's—defective, disabled, deficient, disordered and diseased."—Col LEONARD G. ROWNTREE, chief of medical div, Selective Service, commenting on high percentage of rejections for armed services.

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"The Fair Employment Practices committee, in Washington, does more to promote racial equality than to provide equal opportunity for work in war industries—the purpose for which it was established. It has done more harm in race relations than any other agency in the country."—Rep ROBT. RAMSPECK, of Ga.

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YOU ON THAT?"

"I can't be an adolescent any longer."—HAROLD LLOYD, 50-yr-old motion picture comedian.

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"We should not think that we have been passively attacked, but that we have actively pulled the enemy toward us."—TOKIO RADIO, in a statement on bombing of Japan.

"I do not want to run . . . all that is within me cries out to go back to my home on the Hudson. But if the people command me to continue in this office, and in this war, I have as little right to withdraw as the soldier has to leave his post in the front line. . . If the convention should . . . nominate me for the presidency, I shall accept. If the people elect me, I will serve."—FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, formally acknowledging his availability for the Democratic nomination in Chicago.

"No more musical commercial announcements!"—N Y Radio Station WQXR, declaring a ban that should meet with popular favor.

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"I am everlastingly convinced that the destinies of the hundreds of millions of people who happen to be nationals of the smaller countries cannot be determined for them by the major powers."—SUMNER WELLES.

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"On Nov 4, '40, Mr. Roosevelt made the statement: 'You will have a new president in '44.' When he said that, he was right."—HERBERT BROWNELL, Jr., Republican Nat'l chairman, commenting on the President's decision to accept nomination for a 4th term.

"The four pivotal freedoms of history are God's word, God's commonwealth, God's deed and God's summons. You preserve them not by fighting for them, but by using them."—Rev PAUL SHERER, N Y City.

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"Do you have many American guests at your house—er—palace?"—Pvt GENE GRAFF, of Chicago, in conversation with Princess ELIZABETH, visiting 8th Air Force bomber base. (The princess said Americans hadn't attended her parties and dances, "probably only because I haven't met any.")

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"Here I am, Joe, my wife sent me."—JOE BOWMAN, reporting to JOE CRONIN, mgr of Boston Red Sox. The 33-yr-old pitcher had a good job in Kansas City; thought he had retired. But his wife prodded him: "You owe a lot to baseball," she said, "and they need you now."

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"From the German point of view, the robot is a cheap substitute for a bomber force. Wild? Yes, but German bomber raids over England were equally wild. The robots are just as effective, and a damned sight cheaper."—Gen'l DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER.

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"France has been represented too often in fiction as a frivolous nation where sly winks and coy pats on the rear are the accepted form of address. You'd better get rid of such notions now if you want to keep out of trouble."—From the doughboy's *Guide to France*, a publication of War and Navy dep'ts.

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"The new frontier extends from Minneapolis, via the coast states and Alaska, thru Siberia and China, all the way to central Asia. Here are vast resources of minerals and manpower to be developed by democratic, peaceful methods. Not by exploitation, but the more profitable plan of creating higher living standards for hundreds of millions of people."—HENRY A. WALLACE, in his 1st speech after ret'g from China.

"They can wait till I'm 100!"—BENJ DOUSMAN, 85-yr-old employe of CM&StP Ry, declining a party in his honor to celebrate 65 yrs of service with the road.

"My mother will break my neck if it keeps up."—JUNE ALLYSON, Hollywood actress, commenting on columnists who persist in linking her name romantically with various males of film colony.

"When you start being a glamour girl, you've got to keep it up; it would be too much of a strain."—CASS DALEY, radio and motion picture comedienne, resisting efforts of Paramount to "glamorize" her in current production.

"There is a censorship more cruel and ruthless than that which is imposed by the dictators. . . It is the censorship of doubt, cynicism and fear."—HENRY J KAISER, addressing Calif newspaper publishers.

"The 1st thing I saw when we came into port was the American flag. It made me feel that every minute I had put in on those islands was worth while."—Sgt FRANK E PROPHY, Long Island, N Y, mbr of famed 1st Marine div, which launched historic attack on Guadalcanal in Aug '42.

"About 10% of our soldiers seem to like serious music. The other 90% get leg shows, and that's all right. But what about the 10%? They never get what they want."—JASCHA HEIFETZ, violinist. (So Heifetz is now in Rome, planning to give a series of concerts for our combat troops.)

"The greatest political error our adversaries made in this war was imposing a war of life and death on the reich. A people is more dangerous when its possibilities of living are cut off and it has nothing to lose. We may say that now, after so many reverses and retreats, the German people is more fit for war than in the time of the great German victories."—PAUL JOSEPH GOEBBELS, Nazi Propaganda Minister, writing in *Das Reich*.

"Yo ho ho, and a bottle of rum!"—Chant of a raucous voice that has been disturbing worshipers at Congregational church, Wilmette, Ill. (It turned out to be a parrot.)

"I've forgotten what I came to buy. All I can think of is how much I'd like to mess up your hair."—Male customer at Saks 5th Ave store, N Y City, awed by saleswoman's elaborately fanciful coiffure.

"I am confident we can lick absenteeism by going to the workers. I have found no lack of sincerity or patriotism here."—Lt-Gen'l WM S KNUDSEN, interviewed at Akron O, where he seeks to speed production of synthetic rubber.

"Tests we have given students here indicate that those who had finished 10 school grades were about as bright as those who had finished 12 grades."—Dr HERBERT J ABRAHAM, asst examiner, U of Chicago, giving negative answer to the question, *Do Students Learn to Think?*

"We respect the Geneva Convention to the letter—no more, no less."—Col CHAS FOX, commander of stockade, Camp Croft, S C, commenting on reports that German prisoners in U S are served better meals than Hitler and Goering can now obtain in the Fatherland.

"The music must be an introductory descriptive of the annoyance of Fifth ave at having to cross Broadway in full view of 23rd st."—NORMAN CORWIN, script writer, issuing instructions to musical director for the production, *New York—a Tapestry for Radio*.

"It is not the gay jitterbug but the shy little girl with an inferiority complex who is more likely to come to grief. Rebelling against authority, wanting to attract attention and being absorbed in sex are all normal traits. The girl who is too unsure of herself to express these traits openly is likely to find undesirable outlets such as stealing, running away or having a secret love affair." — Mrs CHRISTINE WAGNER, Family Service Bureau of Chicago's United Charities.

"One pop, no squeal, no Jap."—Pvt LAWRENCE WOODARD, with marines in Bougainville, expressing thanks for a blackjack thoughtfully sent to him by relatives and well-wishers in Fairmont, W Va.

"America has nothing to fear from Hitler's secret weapons, because the U S has its own secret weapons, far in advance of anything the enemy has disclosed."—Maj-Gen'l BENNETT E MEYERS, Army Air Forces Materiel Command.

"Those who insist upon taking vacations away from home, despite all arguments, may find themselves, at holiday's end, stranded for days in some mosquito-ridden hideaway, before ret'n transportation is available."—From a warning bulletin issued by ODT.

"Serving on a jury is nothing compared with serving a jury!"—Mrs IRENE HEIN, of Mason, Mich, who declares she'd rather feed 1200 students at U of Mich than the 14 jurors of Ingham Circuit Court. "It's the responsibility that gets you down. I'm always afraid somebody will walk up to one of the tables and try to discuss a case."



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## COLUMNIST'S COLUMN

### Robot Bombers

Maj AL WILLIAMS,

*Scripps-Howard Newspapers*

To dismiss the "robot" bombing as of minor importance is ridiculous. They establish a trend of unimaginable import. For the 1st time, a power has sent its machinery to war, kept its manpower at home.

Current "robots" are crude. So were early war planes.

What next? Someone will increase the destructive payload. Giant bombers equipped with automatic pilots and radio control, could have their destructive payloads increased by many tons of explosives.

I have long been concerned over puny bomb loads. Add up the bombing score to date. Damage to war machinery, production, morale? Of course, and more than is generally known. But where has the orthodox scheme stopped a determined nation?

Aggressive airpower thinkers didn't go all the way. While they were expanding their short-sighted plans, ground defenses improved. As far as I know, the biggest bomb today is an 8,000-lb affair. And still the block-busters haven't stopped any nation.

What now of the pilotless bombers carrying explosive payloads ranging into 20, 30, 40 and 50 tons? Just how many such blastings of super explosives do you think it would take to render any modern city helpless?

When these giant "robots" come they will come over at housetop altitudes where even anti-aircraft hits will wreak destruction on those below. Bigger and far bigger "robots" are coming—soon, I fear.

### BOOKS

Literature, being the depository of the thoughts of mankind, is full, not only of wisdom but also of absurdities.—HENRY THOS BUCKLE.

### CHURCH—Co-Operation

Churches of all faiths are now in greater unity than at any time for 4 centuries. There are innumerable instances of Catholic-Protestant co-operation in occupied countries. . .

Churches everywhere are standing against all tyranny for convictions that the individual conscience is sacred; that all men are mbrs of one family of God; that freedom can only operate within the framework of moral order, and that when man has misused his moral freedom, the love and grace of God can redeem him.—Dr HENRY SMITH LEIPER, sec'y World Council of Churches, addressing Christian Youth conference.

### DEMOCRACY—Test

I am sometimes appalled by the complacency with which the idea is accepted, that once we have defeated German Nazism with our arms, Democracy will have been justified and reinstated everywhere in western civilization. Democracy will continue to be challenged as to its capacity in the international field to maintain an enduring and endurable peace. And at home it will continually be tested as to its capacity to solve the leading problems of the new industrial age, and to create a high civilization in the material, intellectual and spiritual realms of life.—DOROTHY THOMPSON, "The Test of Democracy: Our Children," *Ladies Home Jn'l*, 7-'44.

### DISCIPLINE

A 10-yr-old was making obvious preparations to run away from home.

"And what's the trouble, my boy?" asked a kindly lady.

"Oh," said the youngster in disgust, "my parents won't mind me any more."—*Arkansas Baptist*.

### DRINK—Drinking

It has cost one county jail in N Y State from \$8,000 to \$10,000 to house some habitual alcoholics until they

died. The cost of a grammar school education is about \$2,000.—*Life & Health*.

### EDUCATION—For Future

If front line soldiers can find the time and inclination to make study a part of their present lives and the means of preparing for times of peace, we of the home front cannot gracefully dismiss our obligations for self-improvement by declaring that we are too busy. The more intensively we live the more need we have for enduring education.—Univ of Va Extension Division, *Adult Education Jn'l*.

### Letter to the Lord

*These words were found on the body of an unknown soldier killed in Italy:*

Look, God, I have never spoken to You,

But now I want to say "How do you do"; . . .

I wonder, God if you'd shake my hand,

Somehow I feel that You will understand;

Funny I had to come to this hellish place

Before I had time to see Your face! . . .

Though I wasn't friendly to You before,

I wonder, God, if you'd wait at Your door?

Look, I'm crying! Me shedding tears?

I wish I had known You these many years.

Well, I have to go now, God. Good-bye. . .

Strange, since I met You I'm not afraid to die.

### HOME—Influence

But there is no forum so powerful as the home. There, in a sanctity as inviolable as that of the polling booth, a woman's spoken vote counts most. For what we teach our children shapes the future policies of the nation. Your home, like mine, is a house of representatives, and your family takes a vote, on one matter or another, every night at dinner.—LOUISE REDFIELD PEATTIE, "You Vote Every Day," *Good Housekeeping*, 7-'44.



**INFLATION**

My prospects don't seem to fear inflation. They say they'd rather see beefsteak at 50¢ a lb and have the 50¢ in their pockets, than to have it sell at 5¢ a lb and not have the nickel.—*Leader's Magazine*.

**INGENUITY**

Bud Mitchell, WJR exec, got a call from a Windsor lady during a musical show the other day. "My husband," announced the lady, "bet me \$100 for a trip home to mother's that the Andrews sisters aren't singing that song on your station now."

"What a way to get rid of your wife," sighed Bud. "Lady, you've got yourself a trip!"—**ANTHONY WEITZEL**, *Detroit Free-Press*.

**INVASION—Sidelight**

An ack-ack gunner was sitting on a mound of earth about two wks after D-Day, reading the *Stars and Stripes* from London. All of a sudden he said:

"Say, where's this Normandy beachhead it talks about here?"

I looked at him closely and saw he was serious, so I said:

"Why you're sitting on it."

And he said:

"Well, I'll be damned. I never knowed that."—**ERNE PYLE**, war correspondent.

**LABOR—Scarcity**

Merchant in a mid-western county-seat town displays this sign prominently in an otherwise bare show window:

"Our window-dresser has gone to war. We can't find another. No time to fix up the windows ourselves—and not much to put in them, anyway. But come on in, we'll be glad to show you what we have."

**LIBERALISM**

We know a church that is so liberal the mbrs allow their preacher to talk about anything except politics and religion.—*Christian Advocate*.

**LONGEVITY—Diet**

Methuselah ate what he found on his plate, and never, as people do now, did he note the amount of the caloric count—he ate it because it

was chow. He wasn't disturbed, as at dinner he sat, destroying a roast or a pie, to think it was lacking in glandular fat, or a couple of vitamins shy. He cheerfully chewed every species of food, untroubled by worries or fears lest his health should be hurt by some fancy dessert—and he lived over nine hundred years!—*Townsend Nat'l Wkly*.

**NINETEEN FORTY-X**

Wm Stout, inventor of Ford trimotor plane, etc, claims it will be possible to make a sleeping machine, equipped with ultra-violet rays, that will give a person as much rest in 3 hrs as normally rec'd in 8. A snore "cut-out" can also be included—to save "power" now wasted on "exhaust."

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After the war there will be no such animal as a stray dog. Walkie-talkies attached to Fido's collar will pick up his owner's voice calling him home—no matter where he roams.—*Parade*.

**Life's Long Lesson**

The wise are instructed by reason; ordinary minds by experience; the stupid, by necessity; and brutes, by instinct.—**CICERO**. 63 B C.

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A wise man learns by experience of others. An ordinary dub learns by his own experience. A fool learns by nobody's experience.—*Prairie Farmer*, 7-8-'44.

**RACE PREJUDICE**

Freedom from fear is the way to cure race prejudice. In any country every legal decision that upholds equal citizenship rights without regard to race or color, every labor decision that lessens the terror of being "laid off" and gives a man self-respect in his employment, every arrangement that secures the little farmer against losing his acres to the bank—all these and many more can free people from fear. They need not look for scapegoats.—**RUTH BENEDICT** and **GENE WELT-FISH**, *The Races of Mankind*, Public Affairs Pamphlet.



**CONFIDENTIALLY  
THRU A  
MEGAPHONE**

Radio men hope upcoming Democratic convention will stir up more in way of significant news, demonstrations, etc than they gleaned from Republican meet. Four networks spent \$50,000 to bring personnel and equipment to Chicago. Execs say privately they might as well have stayed home, let their local outlets funnel the routine broadcasts to them.

For 1st time in several mo's, Army will now accept volunteers for Parachute Troops from all branches of service. Substantial increase in parachutists is planned because of highly successful service in Normandy. Also, Gen'l MacArthur wants to increase Pacific operations.

There's now no chance that mid-west can make food quotas set by War Food Administration for this yr. Drought thruout this area has cut vegetable production from 10 to 50% under last yr.

Automobile dealers are much concerned over used car ceilings which became effective July 10. Since initial OPA announcement, month ago, sales have been at virtual standstill. The trade hopes for a resumption of business, but strong pessimistic element holds belief that regulations will tend to "drive the used-car business underground," with black mkts thriving. Others contend that most sales under the regulations are likely to be among individuals, since dealer would, of course, have to buy under ceiling to realize a profit. "It's a bad law," says one large operator, "because OPA cannot undertake to police all individual transactions."

Because of acute paper shortage, the '45 edition of popular *World Almanac* will carry no advertising.



**AGRICULTURE:** One weakness of soil conservation theories advanced by Edw Faulkner (*Plowman's Folly*) has been that there was no farm implement that would carry out his plan. Now, J. B. McLaughlin, agriculture commissioner of W Va has invented a "soil mixer" which slashes cover crop, pulverizes soil, spreads fertilizer, mixes all together and rolls it down. Thus it displaces plow, disc harrow, spike-tooth harrow, cultipacker and fertilizer spreader. Claim: prepares better seed bed at one-fifth the cost; eliminates evils of moldboard plow—soil erosion and air pockets which stop capillary action and prevent soil moisture from reaching surface. Estimate: revolutionary tool can be sold for \$400.

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**HEATING:** Heating homes with rocks—one of most ancient mthds known to man, may be revived with new twist: several hundred lbs of rocks to be housed in special hot-air furnace, warmed by electric heating elements. Heat stored in rocks during lull periods of day when current is plentiful; released as needed by radiation, convection, circulation. (*Business Wk.*)

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**PRODUCTS:** Ringling circus disaster spotlights recent war development—a fireproof tent textile. American troops in all combat zones are now quartered in tents made of this fire-resistant material. In a demonstration made to press representatives some mo's ago, a blowtorch was applied directly to the treated fabric. There was only slight charring at point where blaze struck; fire did not spread. Since armed forces now command every yd of heavy duck produced in U S, there is no early prospect for civilian use of new material.

#### RADIO

David Sarnoff, pres of RCA, gave a speech in which he loudly sang the praises of almost all the inventors connected with radio.

Author Clarence Buddington Keland then arose and said:

"Mr Sarnoff has made a glaring omission. He has not included the man whose name will go down to posterity for the most brilliant contribution in the field of radio—the man who invented the knob that shuts the thing off."—*Milwaukee Jn'l.*

#### RELIGION

Dear Mr Editor: Our church is in dire financial straits. We have tried everything to keep it afloat—fairs, festivals, mock weddings, socials. Nothing seems to help. Please tell us what we can do to keep our poor church from disbanding.

Editor's reply: "Why not try religion?—*Alexander Animator*, hm *Alexander Film Co.*

#### SERVICE—In Wartime

A defense-plant worker announced that he had just rec'd "a bundle from heaven," and was passing out cigars.

"Boy or girl?" asked a lady welder.

"Neither," ans'd the man, "It was my laundry."—*Good Business.*

#### SPECIALIZATION

A one-man band never gets very far. Learn to toot one trumpet and toot it awfully well."—*Lt-Gen'l Wm Knudsen*, addressing graduating class of Gen'l Motors Institute.

#### THOROUGHNESS—Example

When United Air Lines helped launch 5th War Loan by scattering leaflets in the loop from a Mainliner, it recalled to Tonky Marth an incident of his barnstorming days.

Martin and his partner contracted with a small town theatre owner to toss handbills from their plane. The showman insisted on accompanying them. They were flying high above the town's Main st, Martin piloting, the partner pushing the leaflets out of a window, when the theatre owner shouted excitedly:

"Throw some out the other side!"

"But why?" asked the birdman.

"Why," the showman explained, "Naturally, I want the handbills on both sides of the st!"—*MAURICE FISCHER, Chicago News.*

*"Well Spoken!"*

"Such is the irresistible nature of truth that all it asks, and all it wants, is the liberty of appearing. The sun needs no inscription to distinguish him from darkness."—*THOS PAINE* " " " "Agriculture, manufacture, commerce and navigation, the four pillars of our prosperity, are most thriving when left most free to individual enterprise."—*THOS JEFFERSON* " " " "Human things must be known to be loved; but divine things must be loved to be known"—*PASCAL* " " " "He who does not believe in others, finds that they do not believe in him."—*CONFUCIUS* " " " "There is nothing quite so powerful in the world as an idea whose time has come."—*VICTOR HUGO* " " " "War's no laughing business yet it is a business we shall all do better if once in a while we take time out to laugh.—*ABRAHAM LINCOLN.*

#### WAR—Cost

War costs to the U S ran \$170.-235.65 a minute in the fiscal yr ended June 30. Or, reduced a step further, the cost was \$2,837.26 plus for each second of the yr.—*AP dispatch.*

#### WORK

Men are of 2 classes: those who do their best work today and forget about it, and those who promise to do their best work tomorrow—and forget about it.—*Printed Words*, hm *Von Hoffman Press, St Louis, Mo.*

#### WORRY

Worry is a thin stream of fear trickling through the mind. If encouraged, it cuts a channel into which all other thoughts are drained.—*ARTHUR SOMERS ROCHE.*

"I got to learn it to you . . ."

LILLIAN SMITH, Southern school teacher, is author of the much-talked-of novel, *Strange Fruit* (Reynal & Hitchcock, \$2.75). The book takes title from a song by Abel Meeropol, who writes under the name of Lewis Allen:

Southern trees bear a strange fruit,  
Blood on the leaves and blood at the root.  
Black body swinging in the southern breeze,  
Strange fruit hanging from the poplar trees. . . \*

*It is an indifferent book. But for its forbidden theme—the love of a Negro girl for a white man—and the attendant ballyhoo, it would have attracted little notice. It is interesting, however, as a sociological and psychological study of the relations between whites and Negroes in a small southern town. It presents a problem that has run its febrile course thru two centuries. Neither south nor north, nor black nor white has found a workable solution.*

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Henry was eight then and Tracy seven.

They were racing up and down the sidewalk. A little white girl on a bicycle was wheeling down the walk, arms up, face flying thru space and cool air.

"Move, move, move!" she shrieked. And Henry, feeling the thrilling power of speed, shrieked back, "Move, move, move, yourself!" and blocked the way, colliding with wheel and girl.

She had fallen, scratching her leg against the pedal.

"How dare you!" she said low, "How dare you do that!"

"Ha," Henry laughed, "ha ha ha ha!" he laughed, knowing nothing else to do.

And Tracy laughed too, glad to see a girl fall, glad to see it happen, tho he did not know why.

Mamie was sitting on the side steps, cooling off, resting a spell before starting her supper. Now she saw something she had to tend to. "You — Henry McIntosh, come here!" she called, standing, ease gone from her placid face. "Come here dis minute!"

Henry came and Tracy came with him, unused to the sound in Mamie's voice.

"I got to whip you," she said, and hushed. The two children stood there in the back yard and waited while Mamie went out to the garden and cut her a good heavy

sprout from the pecan tree. They waited until she came back with the switch, took Henry by the shirt, bent him over her knee and whipped him, so hard that Tracy burst into sobs.

Mamie whipped her boy. She whipped him saying, "I want you to grow up. I want my boy to live. I got to learn it to you, you heah! I got to. You can't look at a white gal like dat, you can't tetch one, you can't speak to one 'cep to say yes mam and thank you mam. Say it atter me. Say it!" And Henry, squalling and catching his breath in strangling gasps, said it after her, word for word, three times, as she urged him on, tapping his legs with the tip of the switch as he said it. Then, snuffling and dazed, he ran into the cabin and like a shamed dog crawled under the bed.

Mamie's big brown hands took the switch and slowly broke it to pieces, and the sound of breaking was something hard to listen to. Then she hurled them with sudden fury away from her. Her hands fell to her sides. She stood there staring. . .

"Mamie," Tracy said the word with no idea behind it, "Mamie."

She looked up, brown face wet with her crying, and twisted. "Go!" she said, "go to your own folks!" And he turned and ran quickly, cut to the bone by the new strange words.



### The Birth of Art

JAS A McNEILL WHISTLER

WHISTLER was born in Lowell, Mass in 1834, and died in London 41 yrs ago this wk. Yet so arresting was his personality, so persistent are the stories of his caustic wit that he seems to the present generation almost a contemporary. Whistler had little interest in oils; his great love was his etchings. Yet, ironically, he is best remembered for his Arrangement in Black and Gray, the painting popularly known as "Whistler's Mother."

In the beginning, men went forth each day—some to do battle, some to the chase; others, again, to dig and to delve in the field—all that they might gain and live, or lose and die.

But there was found among them one, differing from the rest, whose pursuits attracted him not. And so he stayed by the tents with the women, and traced strange devices with a burnt stick upon a gourd.

This man, who took no joy in the ways of his brethren—who cared not for conquest, and fretted in the field—this designer of quaint patterns—this deviser of the beautiful—who perceived in Nature about him curious curvings, as faces are seen in the fire—this dreamer apart, was the first artist. . .

Thru the brain of the artist, as thru the last alembic, is distilled the refined essence of that thought which began with the Gods, and which they left man to carry out.

Art happens—no hovel is safe from it, no Prince may depend upon it; the vastest intelligence cannot bring it about, and puny efforts to make it universal end in quaint comedy, and coarse farce.

An old salt who has spent two terms in the Navy, and who is never quite happy anywhere except on the bounding main, has viewed the encroachment of the airplane with something less than wholehearted enthusiasm.

"Well, I s'pose it's all right," he agreed grudgingly, when he viewed a recent aerial demonstration with his mates. "I got to admit the airplane has its place, but what I say is what's the good o' havin' an ocean if you aim to fly over it?"

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"And what do you mean," stormed the angry father, "bringing my daughter home at this hr of the morning?"

"Well, sir," appeased the uncomfortable escort, "she's on the early shift and has to be at work by 7."



## OF THE WEEK

Before marriage she knows all the answers; afterward, she knows all the questions.—*Houghton Line.*

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It's a mistake to "tell your wife a thing or two." Tell her one, and stick to it.—*Grit.*

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Scientists report a vitamin in molasses which prevents the hair from turning gray. But doesn't it make it hard to get the hat off?—*Progressive Grocer.*

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Who can remember when women could use whole pansfull of gasoline to clean gloves—and have enough left over to blow up their kitchens? — *Jobber Topics.*

## GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

### THE GOVERNOR GUFFAWED

JOHN C VIVIAN,  
Governor of Colorado

I like the one about the chap who was fond of playing poker. At one of the regular sessions, which lasted until the early morning hrs, the caretaker politely told the players they would have to get out.

As they left the bldg, this chap suggested that the gang come on up to his house and continue the game.

"What! At this hr? What will your wife say?"

"Oh," said the chap "that's all right. She's a good sport—and besides, I'm the Czar in my household."

So they went along. And, sure enough, the Mrs greeted the group with tolerance if not cordiality. The chap told her of the assurances he had given his friends, even adding the comment about being the Czar in his household.

The lady of the house showed the boys a room, told them there was plenty of cards, chips, food in the icebox, liquor on a shelf. Then she concluded:

"You can amuse yourselves to your heart's content—the Czar is going to bed!"

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A Navy recruit on guard had strict orders to admit no car unless it bore a special tag. He stopped one whose passenger was a high-ranking officer.

The guard heard the brass-hat order his driver to go thru, and calmly said:

"I'm sorry, sir, but I'm new at this. Who do I shoot—you or the driver?"—*This Wk.*

Accompanied by an escort of Red Cross girls, a group of wounded servicemen visited the Diamond Horseshoe the other evening. Among them was a tall, raw-boned sailor with his left pants leg pinned to his hip. As the group entered, a portly woman quickly left her table and, with an expression of concern on her face, beelined for the legless sailor.

"Tell me," she asked, visibly moved. "How did it happen?"

The boy looked at her evenly.

"A mosquito bit it off, ma'am," he said.—*PM.*



